

REMARKS

Claim 13 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, since the invention is adequately covered by the retained claims, which are 7-10, 15 and 16. The independent claims are 7 and 15.

In objecting to the drawings, the Office Action states that the “reference number” 22 mentioned in the application is not illustrated. But “22” does not refer to a mechanical or electrical part; it refers to a figure (Fig. 22) and to a section line in Fig. 20, both of which are illustrated. The Office Action further states that the means in circuit with, but separate from, the switch must be shown or the feature canceled from the claims. While that structure is illustrated as item 18, the feature has been canceled from the claims, thereby obviating that objection. Withdrawal of the objections to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claims 7-10, 13, 15 and 16 (now 7-10, 15 and 16) are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner states that, in claim 13, lines 7 and 8, the means in circuit with, but separate from, the switch is not described in the specification. While as noted above item 18 illustrated in the drawings and described in the specification includes means in circuit with, but separate from, the switch, the rejection has been obviated by deletion of that recitation.

The rejection of claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,165,779 to Tortola in view of US Patent No. 4,424,967 to Yokoi et al. has been overcome by the cancellation of that claim without prejudice or disclaimer.

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Claims 7-10, 15 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 7-10, 15 and 16 have been amended accordingly, and without including the "means in circuit with, but separate from, the switch" terminology to which the Examiner objected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

There being no further objections or rejections, the application is clearly in condition for allowance; issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If a telephone call would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to call undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,  
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